

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

App. No.: 10/721,631

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Examiner: John D Lee

Applicants: Blauvelt et al

For: Surface-mounted photodetector for an  
optical waveguide

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents

04/18/2006

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 01/19/2006, please amend the above named application as set forth hereinbelow. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amend, are hereby respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

The application as originally filed included 55 claims, 3 of which were independent claims. The application as amended herein includes 12 claims, 5 of which are independent claims. Accordingly, the fee for 2 additional independent claims is included herewith.